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HOUSE BILL 716

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VITAL STATISTICS; REMOVING A PROHIBITION REGARDING
PREPARATION OR ISSUANCE OF A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE;
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 24-14-28 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1961,
Chapter 44, Section 26, as amended) is amended to read:

"24-14-28. COPIES OR DATA FROM THE SYSTEM OF VITAL
STATISTICS. --In accordance with the Vital Statistics Act and the
regulations adopted pursuant to that act:

A. the state registrar shall, upon receipt of a
written application, issue a certified copy of any certificate
or record in his custody to anyone demonstrating a tangible and
direct interest, except that:

(1) certified copies of birth records shall

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1 exclude all medical information unless a complete certificate is
2 specifically requested and the request for a complete
3 certificate is approved by the state registrar; and

4 (2) issuance of copies of birth records shall
5 be subject to the provisions of the Missing Child Reporting Act;

6 B. a certified copy of a certificate or any part
7 thereof, including records reproduced from paper documents or
8 photographic, magnetic or electronic files, shall be considered
9 for all purposes the same as the original and is prima facie
10 evidence of the facts therein stated; provided that the
11 evidentiary value of a certificate or record filed more than one
12 year after the event or a record which has been amended shall be
13 determined by the judicial or administrative body or official
14 before whom the certificate is offered as evidence;

15 C. the agency of the United States government
16 responsible for national vital statistics may be furnished
17 copies or data as it may require for national statistics, upon
18 the condition that the data shall not be used for other than
19 statistical purposes unless so authorized by the state
20 registrar;

21 D. at the discretion of the state registrar,
22 federal, state, local and other public or private agencies may
23 upon request be furnished copies or data for statistical or
24 administrative purposes upon the conditions as may be prescribed
25 by the department;

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